



# Skull and Bones

Senior Hat Society

The Pennsylvania State University

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Dear Brethren of the Bone:

Well, another summer has passed us by, and here we are, well entrenched in another Happy Valley fall. To show you that we do remember (and think often of) our brothers and sisters—out there in “the world”, we’ve once again put together our semesterly S&B newsletter, carrying on the great tradition, established so many years ago (ok, it was just last year), of our newsletter founders Sue Geist and Caren Shelow. We only hope we can fill those hallowed shoes (or is it “hollowed”?).

Anyway, in this issue, you’ll find news of our newest initiates, several interesting initiation night occurrences, campus and town news, as well as information on some programs that S&B is looking at to help “Dear Old State” meet some of its goals. You’ll also find a few personal items about your brothers and sisters, as well as the famous “quick response form” so you can tell us all about your life’s ups and downs in the next newsletter.

Of course, if you have any advice, suggestions, criticisms (within reason, of course —some of us still remember our “humility lessons”), etc., just let us know at any time. We can be reached at:

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And as always, if you’re ever in town, get in touch —we’d love to hear from you! Happy hours are still 9 p.m. every Thursday night at the Lion’s Den, so if you come up for a weekend, why not come early and join us?

Yours in the Bone,

Bill Landis  
President

Brian Del Buono  
Alumni Chair

## INITIATION

This fall's initiation went very well, thanks to a group effort and lots of organization. A number of brothers (actives, associates, and honoraries) expressed concern about certain parts of the initiation ceremony. We talked about this and arrived at an understanding of what we wanted the initiation to convey to the participants, both new and old. We got the ceremony's particulars together at the Tap Meeting on Sept. 21. The major complaint was about "hazing", which is obviously broadly defined. In response, we toned down some of the initial parts of initiation night, but were still able to teach our new brothers and sisters a few lessons (particularly since Larry Patrick was once again a member of the "greeting committee"!).

Our newest brothers and sisters are: Matt Baker, USG Pres.; Bob Butler, IFC Membership chair; Dana Froke, USG Dept. of Women's Concerns (and Paula's sister); Darian Gill, SHRA Pres.; Eric Graves, IFC Community Relations chair; Darryl King, Black Caucus Pres.; Devin Malone, Commonwealth Campus Student Govt's (COBSGA for you old timers); Lydia Owen, Panhel Vice Pres.; Rich Pirotta, Lion Ambassador; Debbie Roberts, Academic Assembly Pres.; Markus Saba, Lion Ambassador; Greg Stock, Blue Band Drum Major; Sue Sturgis, USG Vice Pres.; Jerry Wagner, OTIS; and associate Morgan Laury, Black Grad Student Assoc. Pres. A large class and deserving of recognition for their outstanding service and leadership to the University Community. Congratulations and welcome to the Bone!

As noted in the opening letter, we had a few interesting occurrences on initiation night compliments of the *Daily Collegian*. Editor Anita Huslin with reporter Damon Chappie decided to investigate the so-called "secret societies" at PSU. Always vigilant, we switched the initial location from Shields to behind the Foods Building, next to the White Golf Course, where humility and recognition were taught without intrusion.

Upon moving to the Lion Shrine, Mr. Chappie located us, but observed the action from the lobby of Kern as several of our more "robust" brothers kept him at bay. Then, it was on to the University House, where the real intrusions took place. Chappie, after crashing the Whos' initiation two nights earlier, brought a photographer to catch us in the act. Several times while we were at the House a camera's flash went off from 4th floor Hammond, but the photographer was soon flushed from his roost by the aforementioned robust brothers.

We then went to the Grotto, where the final stage of the ceremony took place without incident. Jack Gorman stayed at the road to be sure that we weren't followed. From there, it was on to Margie Utt's house for the celebration — a double one, since it was also President Bill Landis' birthday. The jocular and frivolity went on until the wee hours of the morning, and we had welcomed our newest brothers and sisters in classic S&B style.

## COLLEGIAN COVERAGE

The outcome of the Collegian's intrusions was evident a week later. Although, as expected, the photographs were apparently of too poor quality to be included, the attached stories appeared on Page One on Oct. 8, 9, and 10. Skull & Bones, Lion's Paw, and to a lesser extent Parmi Nous were "exposed" in usual Collegian fashion with

misquotes, out-of-date & incorrect information, and a lot of conjecture. Anyway, you can make of these stories what you will. If they have have as little impact as Collegian stories usually do, they have already been forgotten by almost everyone on campus (sorry, *Collegian* alums!). And despite Dave Rosenblatt's obvious sour grapes, we will continue to fight against false pride and recognize outstanding service and leadership to the University community.

## CAMPUS NEWS

### THE CALL FOR DIVESTMENT

Again this fall, Penn State's involvement with companies operating in South Africa is still an issue receiving a great deal of attention. The Committee for Justice in South Africa continues to push for the divestment of all University funds from U.S. businesses with South African ties. The CJSA built a shantytown on the sidewalk in front of Willard building last spring semester. This fall CJSA conducted several protest rallies, and is working with USG, Black Caucus and a number of other student organizations to promote a better understanding of the socioeconomic scene in southern Africa. To date, Penn State retains investments with a market value of nearly \$9 million in South African-related companies.

The University has, however, implemented a plan known as SHARE, designed to help South Africans who suffer under apartheid, to educate the University community about many aspects of the environment in southern Africa, and also to demonstrate PSU's opposition to the South African government's oppression of its non-white majority. Specifically, SHARE provides for scholarships to black South Africans to study at Penn State; programs to help "open" South African universities; advance social justice in that country; academic exchanges of professors, staff and administrators between PSU and South African universities; a review of PSU's equity holdings in South African-related companies; and educational programs to increase the University community's awareness of the scene in southern Africa. Supporters say that in its first year, the SHARE program has shown promise in meeting its designed goals, and is being welcomed with much gratitude by many of our South African allies in the fight against apartheid. Opponents of the program say it is insufficient and only a "conscience-massaging" effort by the University.

### THE CAMPAIGN FOR PENN STATE

In other news, the University has launched its most ambitious fundraising effort to date, the five-year "Campaign for Penn State". The funds raised by the Campaign are targeted primarily towards endowments in each of the ten Colleges; faculty chairs and professorships; student scholarships and fellowships; and to a lesser extent "bricks-and-mortar" projects. Chairing the Campaign is William Schreyer, Chairman and CEO of Merryll Lynch and a PSU alumnus. So far, over half of the goal has been raised by this year, the third of the Campaign's five years.

In case you haven't received your mailing describing the Campaign, the goal of \$200 million was announced several weeks ago at the Campaign kick-off dinner, held in Rec Hall. Yes, Rec Hall, but you wouldn't recognize it; draped in black and silver it looked like a great banquet hall.

The keynote speaker for the kickoff dinner was Donald Regan, White House Chief of Staff. Regan's visit provoked a lot of controversy, highlighted by a letter from the University Student Executive Council to PSU President Bryce Jordan protesting the visit based on Regan's remarks showing insensitivity to women and minorities. In short, USEC felt that Regan's visit was an indication of the University's insensitivity to these groups, and pointed out that the visit could harm the Campaign by making such a statement. Jordan responded to USEC by saying that drawing any connection between Regan's comments and the University's commitment to women and minorities was "both regrettable and inaccurate", stating that Regan's was an apolitical visit designed to increase the national visibility of the Campaign. Thus, after weeks of debate, the kick-off dinner took place with a protest rally outside of Rec Hall demonstrating against Regan's visit, and the Campaign for Penn State was officially launched.

As an addendum, it was recently announced that Mr. Schreyer has been appointed by Governor Thornburgh to a three year term on the PSU Board of Trustees. Mary Greely-Beahm, a PSU graduate student, was appointed by the Governor to the Board of Trustees this spring to what most of us thought was a three year term. Last week the Governor's office notified her that she had been appointed for a term of fifteen months (expiring July 1987), to fill Jay Claster's seat. This week the Governor's office added that Greely-Beahm was only appointed for one year because she will complete her Master's Degree in that time. However, Greely-Beahm plans to continue in a doctoral program at University Park. There has been a student appointed to the Board of Trustees by the Governor since 1971, and while there is no actual seat for a "Student Trustee", it has become tradition to appoint a student to a full three-year term. We will keep you informed of this as it develops, but a letter to the new Governor (Casey or Scranton) encouraging that the tradition be continued might be helpful.

#### ALCOHOL AND LIABILITY

In an attempt to render itself free of liability in alcohol related incidents on campus, the University has prepared a written policy on alcohol. Technically, only people 21 years of age or older could drink on campus and only in certain locations - but this I was always overlooked to a great extent at Beaver Stadium during home football games. The new policy eliminates the serving of alcoholic beverages on campus at activities sponsored by undergraduate organizations. Since a fraternity is considered an undergraduate organization fraternities can no longer have tailgates where their greek letters are displayed. Needless to say, IFC has its hands full, too, since another provision is that the University has adopted a "hands-off" policy with respect to functions at the fraternity houses, leaving IFC to "police its own".

Of course, the policy also applies to Skull and Bones —and is being strictly enforced by the University Police. Therefore, we may continue to tailgate with members who are "of age" but can not do so under a banner identifying us as S&B. Accordingly, you may have trouble finding us at the stadium this fall so just look for the people rather than the banner —we'll be looking for you! Then again, tailgates at the reserved parking spaces for Honorary Coaches (those making large donations to the Levi Lamb Fund which pays for football scholarships) are never bothered by the University Police. So...if any of you old members have access to a reserved parking space

that you would donate to the organization, maybe we could fly our colors again.

## TOWN NEWS

### NO MORE CRUISING

Borough Council this summer adopted an “anti-cruising” ordinance. This caused some amusement and perhaps more controversy than it may have deserved. The new law forbids “cruising” (i.e. driving in circles usually on Friday or Saturday night) on Beaver and College Avenues between Burrowes and Garner Streets from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Specifically, drivers cannot pass certain checkpoints on this circuit more than three times in one hour, or six times in three hours, as determined by Borough police; on stake-out duty. Violators will face fines and court costs. The ordinance is designed to eliminate harrasment of pedestrians by cruisers and cut down on overall noise and traffic congestion in the downtown area. Amazingly the law has been carefully worded to exempt most residents of the borough, people who may be making deliveries or looking for a parking spaces, almost anyone except area teenagers who claim “there’s nothing else to do”.

### BUILDING BOOM

State College is currently experiencing a building boom not seen in these parts for quite some time. Numerous housing projects are underway, including several new townhouse/condos in the Heritage Oaks/Toftrees area and behind Briarwood and Southgate off Whitehall Road and Blue Course Drive.

Soon there will be more places for out-of-towners to stay: The Atherton, a new luxury hotel, is being built on Atherton Street, between College and Beaver Avenues (where the Flick movie theatre was); Elby’s is adding another builing which will doubne its occupancy; a new budget motel is rising on College Ave. where Porter Road comes down from behind Beaver Stadium; developers recently announced plans to open a Day’s Inn franchise along South Atherton Street near Hills Plaza.

Another bit of construction that got a lot of attention this summer is taking place along College Ave., across from South Halls. As many of you probably know, early this year The Train Station restaurant was getting a “facelift”, courtesy of its owners the Herlochers. Early in July, however, employees of The Train Station were abruptly told one afternoon that the restaurant would close that day at 5 p.m. and would not reopen —ever. Needless to say, this action left a lot of unhappy people in and out of town. Those of us who frequented the Station for dinner or Friday Happy Hours (with pretzels and mustard!) were disappointed. To top it off, the Herlochers are renting the old Train Station to Burger King, eliciting more unhappy grumbles from Station regulars. At least the ‘Skellar, the Phyrst, and the Den are still here.

One Hundred West Corporation (owners of Zeno’s, the Allen Room, the Corner Room, Gatsby’s, Mr C’s and Chumley’s) filed for bankruptcy in June. A new partnership of State College businessmen will take over these businesses with no plans to change what have become State College institutions, except to do some major redecorating and

maintenance.

Along Allen Street I between Foster and Nittany Avenues there are now two seven story office/apartment buildings. Plans to build Another large office/apartment building along Allen between Nittany and Prospect were recently announced, Barash Advertising and several houses now occupy this site.

Last summer individual apartments in Cedarbrook, Beaver Hill, and Penn Tower were sold as condos. Most units were purchased by investors who then hired A. W. & Sons (the former owners) to act as rental agent. A.W. & Sons plans to break ground this Spring for a new building at Atherton & Beaver where Boots Dairyette and several houses are now.

Additional apartment/condo buildings are now open on Burrowes St., Beaver Ave., and College Ave. Along with all the new buildings are several new restaurants and stores in the downtown area, at the Nittany Mall, and in other local shopping centers. A new parking garage is at the corner of Fraser St. and Beaver Avenue. Take a look around the next time you are in town, you won't recognize the place.

### LOCAL POLITICS

This year, in a rematch of their tight race two years ago, incumbent Republican Rep. Bill Clinger and Democratic challenger Bill Wachob are fighting it out to represent our district in the U.S. House of Representatives. In 1984, Wachob carried all of the student precincts but still lost the election by some 5000 votes.

Both candidates are actively campaigning on campus, with the help of their student supporters, and each is quick to point out how he has been a "friend of higher education" in the past. This race has also brought a few celebrities to town, such as actor Ed Asner who spoke at a fundraiser for Wachob, and Senate majority leader Robert Dole who was the keynote speaker at a rally for Clinger in Schwab Auditorium. Current polls show the two in practically a dead heat.

The last month of the campaign has been fast and furious, and there is plenty of mudslinging and name calling. This contest has also received a great deal of national attention, so quite a few eyes should be focused on the 23rd district in Pennsylvania come the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

### S&B NOTES

\* Attached to this newsletter along with the Collegian expose are additional articles of interest and the long awaited ADDRESS LIST. With the help of a computer and information from the Alumni Association we now have as comprehensive a list as possible. However, if you notice mistakes, omissions, incorrect addresses, etc. please contact Mary Anne Eve at 814-864-4211 (daytime), or 813-238-6866 (evenings).

\* Skull, & Bones is considering organizing a gifts program to benefit the Campaign for Penn State. As noted above, the Campaign is in its third of five years, with a \$200 million goal. A great way for loyal PSU alums to back "Dear Old State", while enhancing the reputation of S&B. Even as you read this, we are working with members of the Campaign staff to explore S&B's possibilities in this area. We'll keep

you informed of further developments

\* As usual, S&B remains committed to its social function. Happy Hours are, once again, 9 p.m.-? on Thursdays at the Lion's Den. And, as we did last year, S&B will be having a Halloween party with the Whos, at Laurie Dieffenbach's house (254 S. Atherton) on Friday night, Oct. 31st. Hope to see you there!

\* In the last newsletter, we announced the start of a new program, the S&B Job Index. Well, we're still trying to get this program together. As Sue and Caren put it in the last edition, and since I'm too lazy to put it in my own words...

*Remember when you were about to graduate: looking for that perfect job and wishing you had "a friend in the business"? Is your company looking for bright, new employees; movers and shakers, people who perhaps demonstrated "outstanding service and leadership" while in college? The S&B Job Index is going to take some substantial cooperation from alums, but we feel it could really benefit both S&B students and professionals. Here's how it works... Alums are hereby asked to fill out the "Quick Response Form" at the end of this newsletter and return it as indicated. These will be kept on file and made available to S&B students looking for information on your company, advice on a career choice, or perhaps a "foot in the door". Even though you may not know the individuals personally, you can be sure the S&B criteria and reputation has been maintained.*

This program is all very informal. A return of your form in no way indicates that you agree to be a "reference" for anyone; just a contact point; someone with insight into the real world, a career, and a company. We'd appreciate your cooperation getting this project off the ground. Please send in your form, along with any comments, as soon as possible. We thank you, your country thanks you, and your unemployed brothers and sisters thank you!

\* Also with the Quick Response Form you can tell everyone what's new with you and yours. Space is provided for comments, heckling, personals, etc., which we will be sure to pass along in the next newsletter. Please, take a few minutes and let us know what's happening with you —we really do care!

\* Congratulations go out to Brother John Hook & Sister Jackie Naginey who were married in State College on, August 9, 1986, and Sister Robin Bronk who married to Neil Weiss in Pittsburgh on August 24, 1986. Finally, best wishes to Sister Gail Johnson and Brother Andy Rusnak on their engagement.

\* This year's IFC Dance Marathon will be February 20, 21, and 22 1987 in White Building. Last year Alumni Brother Bill Cluck and Active Sister Laurie Dieffenbach danced for S&B. Your pledges were successful in giving them the #1 spot for independents. This wasn't the first time S&B won their division in the Marathon and it won't be the last. Pete Barnes was mentioned last year as a potential alumni dancer, what about it Pete?

\* Well that's all for now, except to remind you that printing and mailing 300 newsletters can get to be expensive, any donation that you would care to make to the cause would be graciously appreciated.